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SIR:

I, the undersigned attorney of record in the above-identified application, hereby state that the above-identified application and the "reference" application No. 10/574,459 were, at the time the invention of claims 1-27 of the above-identified application was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, Novelis Inc.

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